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U) MONTREAL 1205, DATED 6-12-73, V) MONTREAL 1184, DATED 6-8-73

1. IN OPINION US REP IT IS FAR TOO LATE TO MAKE USEFUL
EFFORT TO SPONSOR ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY, AND
KEEP KOTAITE IN SECGENSHIP. WITH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS
TO SUPPORT FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS BY KEY COUNCIL REPS TO
THEIR GOVERNMENTS, WE COULD PUT TOGETHER STATUTORY MAJORITY
FOR US REP, OR A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST KOTAITE. EITHER
OUTCOME WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND DIVISION WOULD ALLEVIATE
BINAGHI/KOTAITE AND RESULT IN HALF COUNCIL HOSTILE. ADVANTAGES
ACQUIRED BY THIS COST ARE NEBULOUS (IF ANY EXIST AT ALL).

2. WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF REGULAR TRIENNIAL ELECTION COUNCIL
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PRES BY COUNCIL AT TIME OF 77 ASSEMBLY. A CONTENTUOUS PRESIDENCY

WOULD PROBABLY LOSE THEN. KOTAITE WILL BE RE-ELECTED THEN GIVING CONTINUITY.

3. ELECTION OF NEW SEC GEN IN APRIL 76 COINCIDES WITH REGULAR TRIENNIAL ELECTION SEC GEN. WHILE NEW SEC GEN WILL SERVE FULL THREE YEARS, QUITE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE AFTER THREE YEARS UNDER LESS CONTROVERSIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. US REP WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS THIS ENTIRE MATTER FOR ENTIRE FOUR MONTHS, EXCEPT FOR STATE 242886 OF OCT 14 WHICH WAS SO GENERAL AS TO BE USELESS, IS NOW TAKING LIBERTY OF MAKING DECISION FOR DEPARTMENT. A) WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PURSUE US CANDIDACY AND SHOULD SO ADVISE OUR FRIENDS ON COUNCIL; B) WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORK ON SEC GEN VACANCY THOROUGHLY EXPLORING/ANALYZING ALL ALTERNATIVES SO THAT WE DO NOT FIND US "TOO LATE WITH TOO LITTLE" AGAIN IN MARCH.

5. US REP WISHES EXPRESS APPRECIATION IO FOR UNDERTAKING CONSIDER US PSOTION OVER PAST FEW WEEKS.

6. FYI. FOLLOWING IS PROBABLY ALIGNMENT OF COUNCIL REPS HAD A US CANDIDACY DEVELOPED: FOR: US, UK, SWEDEN, GERMANY, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JAPAN, COSTA RICA, NIGERIA, KENYA, SENEGAL, MADAGASCAR, WITH POSSIBILITIES CANADA, BRAZIL, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO AND YUGOSLAVIA SUBJECT TO SPECIAL HANDLING AND APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS. AGAINST: FRANCE, SPAIN, ARGENTIAN, COLUMBIA, MEXICO, CHINA, INDONESIA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, MOROCCO, LEBANON, EGYPT.
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